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## Compton Man Sentenced to Prison after In-Custody Escape

A 21-year-old man was sentenced yesterday to three years in state prison for attacking a deputy as he escaped from a patrol car, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ivan Richard Johnson of Compton pleaded no contest to one felony count of assault upon peace officer in case TA136330.

Deputy District Attorney Van Ha, who prosecuted the case, said Johnson was initially charged with one count of resisting an executive officer after an incident on Jan. 21.

The defendant was arraigned on the charge on Jan. 23, but reportedly refused to leave the Compton Courthouse lockup to take the bus to jail, the prosecutor said.

As a result, sheriff deputies transported the defendant in a patrol car. While in the vehicle, there was a disturbance, the prosecutor said.

Deputies pulled over for safety reasons, at which point Johnson pushed and shoved his way out of the car and escaped, the prosecutor added.

Authorities immediately set up a containment area and five hours later discovered Johnson hiding under a car.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice

for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.